

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ells Steve

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC
 [CMG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman & Co-CEO

DENVER, CO 80202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					84,543	D	Ells Dynasty Trust Holdings LLC
Common Stock					12,519	I	Ells DE Trust Holdings LLC
Common Stock					99,740	I	Ells DE Trust Holdings LLC

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
2013 Performance SOSARs	\$ 318.45	05/10/2016		A ⁽¹⁾	37,500	05/10/2016 02/07/2020	Common Stock 3
2014 Performance SOSARs	\$ 543.2	05/10/2016		A ⁽²⁾	43,750	05/10/2016 02/03/2021	Common Stock 4
2013 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 318.45					02/07/2016 ⁽³⁾ 02/07/2020	Common Stock 3
2014 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 543.2					02/03/2016 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/03/2021	Common Stock 8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ells Steve 1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80202	X		Chairman & Co-CEO	

Signatures

Michael M. McGawn,
attorney-in-fact 05/11/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This report is filed in connection with the satisfaction of performance conditions on performance-vesting stock-only stock appreciation rights, or Performance SOSARs, originally granted to the reporting person on February 7, 2013. Vesting of the second tranche of 37,500

- (1) Performance SOSARs was contingent on Chipotle's achievement of stated levels of cumulative cash flow from operations prior to the fifth fiscal year-end following the award date, with vesting to occur no sooner than February 7, 2016, subject to possible acceleration. The Compensation Committee of Chipotle's Board of Directors certified the achievement of the performance target on May 10, 2016, resulting in the second tranche of 2013 Performance SOSARs vesting in full.

This report is filed in connection with the satisfaction of performance conditions on Performance SOSARs originally granted to the reporting person on February 3, 2014. Vesting of the 2014 Performance SOSARs is contingent on Chipotle's achievement of stated levels of cumulative cash flow from operations prior to the fourth and fifth fiscal year-ends following the award date, with vesting to occur no sooner than February 3, 2016 and 2017 (with half of each 2014 Performance SOSAR subject to each such time-based vesting date), subject to possible acceleration. The Compensation Committee of Chipotle's Board of Directors certified the achievement of the first performance target on May 10, 2016, resulting in the first tranche of 43,750 2014 Performance SOSARs vesting in full.

- (3) These 2013 Stock Appreciation Rights, which were subject to time-based vesting only, vested in full on February 7, 2016.
- (4) One half of the 2014 Stock Appreciation Rights vested on February 3, 2016 and the remaining half are scheduled to vest on February 3, 2017, subject to possible acceleration of vesting.

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